

Submitter: Steven Wade  
On Behalf Of: Tillamook Bay Commons  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Steven Wade, and I am representing Maker Development Studios and our workforce housing (WFH) project in Tillamook, known as Tillamook Bay Commons.

Funding support from this bill will enable the construction of this WFH project, providing housing for healthcare workers, educators, and other essential Tillamook County employees.

This will be the first WFH project in Oregon built by a community-run, non-profit organization. Through its mission, the organization will continue to develop WFH options for years to come.

This innovative approach to housing production is an investment that yields more housing and can be replicated in other counties, positioning Oregon as a leader in this area.

The project is pre-leased with commitments from local employers, including Adventist Hospital, and the school district.

In collaboration with the Tillamook County Housing Committee, Tillamook County Commissioners and Senator Webber's office, we have applied for \$6.3 million in capital construction funding to complete our project's funding. With this funding, we can begin construction this fall and deliver the project by Q4 2026.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this vital WFH project.

Sincerely,  
Steven Wade